

# Ability to Speak English<sup>1</sup> of Persons 60+, by Age: 1990

## United States, All Persons

(Data based on a sample)

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AGE	SPEAK ONLY ENGLISH	SPEAK LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH AT HOME		TOTAL
		SPEAK ENGLISH "VERY WELL" OR "WELL"	SPEAK ENGLISH "NOT WELL" OR "NOT AT ALL"	
<b>NUMBER</b>				
TOTAL, 65+	27,381,104	2,889,004	925,167	31,195,275
<b>TOTAL, 60+</b>	<b>36,721,085</b>	<b>3,858,079</b>	<b>1,251,873</b>	<b>41,831,037</b>
60-64	9,339,981	969,075	326,706	10,635,762
65-74	16,100,027	1,603,993	514,461	18,218,481
75-84	8,712,207	960,122	301,137	9,973,466
85+	2,568,870	324,889	109,569	3,003,328
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH</b>				
TOTAL, 60+	87.8	9.2	3.0	100.0
60-64	87.8	9.1	3.1	100.0
65-74	88.4	8.8	2.8	100.0
75-84	87.4	9.6	3.0	100.0
85+	85.5	10.8	3.6	100.0
<b>PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE</b>				
TOTAL, 60+	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
60-64	25.4	25.1	26.1	25.4
65-74	43.8	41.6	41.1	43.6
75-84	23.7	24.9	24.1	23.8
85+	7.0	8.4	8.8	7.2

<sup>1</sup> The data on ability to speak English represent the person's own perception about his or her own ability or, because census questionnaires are usually completed by one household member, the responses may represent the perception of another household member.

Source of data: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Special Tabulation on Aging, STP 14, Tables P76, P78, P80, and P82.  
See technical documentation for more detailed definitions.

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